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SUBJECT: ANOTHER BROADSIDE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

1. SPEAKING AT A RALLY AT KOLHAPUR (HARASHTRA) FEB. 23 PRIME MINISTER GANDHI IS REPORTED BY THE PRESS AS SAYING THAT CERTAIN (UNNAMED) FOREIGN POWERS WHICH HAD CONSISTENTLY STOOD BY THE REGIMES OF GENERAL YAHYA KHAN, FIELD MARSHALL AYUB KHAN, AND THEIR SUCCESSORS WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR KILLINGS IN A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY WERE NOW ASSAILING INDIA'S POLICIES. SHE REPORTEDLY WARNED THAT THOSE COUNTRIES HAD OF LATE BEEN EXTENDING SUPPORT TO THE OPPOSITION PARTIES IN THE NAME OF DEMOCRACY. THEE COUNTRIES PITED INDIA FOR SYMPATHIZING WITH THE SUFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH. THEY NEVER BOTHERED ABOUT WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN BANGLADESH; NO ONE HAD PREVENTED THEM FROM CONDEMNING THE GORY KILLINGS THERE. ACCORDING TO THE "TIMES OF INDIA" REPORT, MRS. GANDHI RAISED HER VOICE AND SAID, "I NEVER CARED FOR THESE NATIONS IN THE PAST. I WILL NOT CARE FOR THEM IN THE FUTURE."

2. AT A FEB. 23 RALLY AT AURANGABAD (MAHARASHTRA) THE PRIME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MINISTER REFERRED TO THE CRITICISM OF INDIA'S NUCLEAR EXPLOSION:

"WHEN WE DO SOMETHING FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT WE ARE ATTACHED AND CRITICIZED BY THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH NEVER STOOD WITH US." SHE ADVISED HER AUDIENCE NOT TO BE CONCERNED WITH FOREIGN AND INTERNAL CRITICISM OF THE EMERGENCY AND THE CLAIM THAT DEMOCRACY IN INDIA WAS IN DANGER.

3. MRS. GANDHI'S REMARKS RECEIVED WIDE COVERAGE IN THE NEW DELHI MORNING PRESS FEB. 24. THE "HINDUSTAN TIMES" CARRIED: "PM: NATIONS AIDING PAK DICTATORS NOW BEHIND OPPOSITION" AS ITS FRONT PAGE HEADLINE. SAXBE

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